

C A M P A I G N F O R ACCOUNTABILITY

March 1, 2018

VIA EMAIL: Carrie.Niino-Koontz@serveohio.gov

Carrie Niino
Director of Finance & Operations
Serve Ohio
30 East Broad Street, Suite 2487
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: Ohio Open Records Request

Dear Ms. Niino:

Campaign for Accountability (“CfA”) makes this request for records, regardless of format, medium, or physical characteristics, and including electronic records and information, audiotapes, videotapes and photographs, pursuant to the Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43, *et seq.*

Campaign for Accountability requests Serve Ohio produce the following:

1. All records reflecting communications (including emails, email attachments, text messages, telephone call logs, calendar invitations/entries, meeting notices, meeting agendas, informational material, draft legislation, talking points, or other materials) between Serve Ohio, Santa Maria Community Services or anyone acting on behalf of Serve Ohio, Santa Maria Community Services, and Healthy Moms and Babies (“HMB”) or anyone acting on behalf of HMB.
2. Any application submitted by HMB for Serve Ohio/AmeriCorps members, workers, volunteers, funding, or services.
3. All records reflecting any decision by Serve Ohio and/or AmeriCorps whether or not to assign or provide AmeriCorps members, workers, volunteers, funding, or services to HMB.

Please provide all responsive records from January 1, 2013 to the date the search is conducted.

By way of background, Healthy Moms and Babies (“HMB”) is a crisis pregnancy center in Cincinnati, Ohio.¹ HMB is a “Catholic-based organization that answers God’s call to serve at-risk women of childbearing age and their children” that was founded by Sister Patricia A. Cruise, its current president and CEO.²

¹ <https://www.healthymomsandbabes.org/>.

² <https://www.healthymomsandbabes.org/meet-the-staff/>.

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In its proposed personnel budget for Fiscal Year 2015, HMB indicated that it had applied for two AmeriCorps members.³ According to the Ohio AmeriCorps Program Directory, HMB has one AmeriCorps member that “assist[s] low-income residents with health education and GED services.”⁴

Where possible, please produce records electronically.⁵ CfA seeks records of any kind, including electronic records, calendars, schedules, meeting and conference call invitations, audiotapes, videotapes, and photographs. This request includes any letters, emails, facsimiles, telephone messages, voice mail messages, and transcripts, notes, or minutes of any meetings, telephone conversations, or discussions. This request also includes any attachments to these records.

If it is your position that any portion of the requested records is exempt from disclosure pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43 (A)(1), please explain in writing and with particularity the reasons for any determination that a record is exempt from disclosure.⁶ In the event that a portion of a requested record is properly exempt from disclosure, please redact that portion and produce the remainder of the requested record.⁷ If you deny this request in whole or in part, please specify each exemption on which you are relying to withhold information.⁸

CfA is a non-profit organization and seeks the requested information to inform and educate the public about the state’s oversight responsibilities regarding public funding for private organizations. Accordingly, because CfA seeks the information to benefit the general public, we request that the information be provided without charge. If a fee waiver is not available, please inform me if the cost will exceed \$200.⁹

Please produce the requested records within a reasonable time pursuant to Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(1), or furnish a written acknowledgment of receipt of our request and the approximate date when the request will be granted or denied, as well as when we can reasonably expect to receive the responsive documents. If you foresee any problems in releasing the requested records in whole or in part, please contact me at 202-780-5750.

Finally, I welcome the opportunity to discuss with you whether and to what extent this request can be narrowed or modified to better enable Serve Ohio to process it.

³ Healthy Moms and Babies application, Ohio Parenting and Pregnancy Program Grant Application, July 23, 2014.

⁴ Serve Ohio, Ohio AmeriCorps Program Directory, available at: <http://www.serveohio.org/2016-17-ohio-ameri-corps-state-program-directory/>.

⁵ Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(6).

⁶ Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(3).

⁷ Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(1).

⁸ Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43 (B)(3).

⁹ Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43 (B)(6).

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If possible, please email the records to me at dstevens@campaignforaccountability.org.¹⁰
If the records are mailed, please send them to: Campaign for Accountability, 611 Pennsylvania Ave S.E., #337, Washington, D.C. 20003.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan E Stevens", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel E. Stevens
Executive Director

¹⁰ Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(7).